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## THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America  
as a government of the people, by  
the people, for the people, whose just  
powers are derived from the consent  
of the governed; a democracy in a repub-  
lic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign  
States; a perfect Union, one and insepar-  
able, established upon those principles of freedom, equal-  
ity, justice, and humanity for which American patriots  
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is  
my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitu-  
tion; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it  
against all enemies.

## AMERICANIZATION AND THE SCHOOLS.

YESTERDAY the Supreme court of Nebraska hand-  
ed down a decision in which it upheld the constitu-  
tionality of a state law passed for the purpose of curtailing  
the use of foreign languages in Nebraska schools as a part  
of the Americanization policy. That settles the legal  
phase of a question which a very large percentage of the  
American people probably were surprised to find in the  
courts, but it merely opens up a practical problem of  
education which is going to cause a lot of trouble before  
it is solved in a satisfactory manner.

In a state like Nebraska where there is a large German  
element the singleness of whose loyalty was under suspicion  
practically up until this country entered the war, and  
where there still is an unhealthy amount of pacifism, no  
foreign language ought to be taught below the high school  
for a long while. There probably are communities where  
it would be well to put a ban on German even in the high  
school.

But we ought to be sensible about this foreign language  
business and not run the risk of cutting off our noses to  
spite our faces. Just because we do not like the way the  
German citizens in this country behaved any more than the  
world likes the way the German armies behaved in Bel-  
gium and northern France, there is no reason why we  
should deprive our youth of knowledge of a language  
which would prove a short cut to a lot of learning of a  
decidedly practical kind.

Moreover, between the materialism which is now play-  
ing hob at Washington and the narrowness, not to say  
bigotry, of some of the so called Americanization efforts,  
we are in danger of creating a sentiment in this country  
which will do an incalculable amount of harm to America  
in a very short time. Nothing we could do would better  
serve the material interests of Europe as a whole, and of  
Germany in particular, than to turn our backs upon the  
rest of the world and try to go it alone. That is what  
China did, and from the Occidental standpoint China is  
one of the most pathetic failures in history.

What we really need to do in this great Republic is to  
play our hand in the affairs of the world fearlessly and  
vigorously as befits the most advanced, most prosperous  
and most powerful people in the world today. We can-  
not do that by deliberately deciding not to teach our chil-  
dren alien languages. We must put it straight up to the  
educators of the country to find a way to teach these lan-  
guages so that the knowledge thus gained will not impair  
their loyalty to the Republic or their respect for its  
culture. Only in that way can we make sure that there

## RUFF STUFF

Two hundred barrels of New Eng-  
land rum were shipped out of Boston  
today to Smyrna.

Does any one know right off the reel  
what the fare is to Smyrna?

By the way, the local agents for  
steamship lines might drum up a lit-  
tle extra business if they are to ad-  
dress the wet places their lines  
reach.

Anyhow what is the idea of sending  
they stuff like New England rum to  
the near East?

Mohammedans are supposed to be  
teetotalers.

But of course there is always a  
sprinkling of good Christians in the  
big towns.

However it does seem a little out of  
whack to be shipping good old stuff to  
the Turks while people right in New  
England towns are dying because  
they could not get anything else to  
drink but wood alcohol decoctions.

Old man Well Known Fairmonter  
has been complaining to the Astor-  
ian that the sidewalks in this town  
are not kept as clean of snow as they  
should be.

Certainly admire his gall.

Was out in the section where old  
Well Known Fairmonter lives yester-  
day and failed to notice that it was  
any better off in the matter of clear  
sidewalks than any other section.

As a matter of fact the stranger  
within our gates might jump to the  
conclusion that to ignore the snow  
removal laws was one of the special  
privileges of Well Known Fairmonter.

If the cops wanted to force a magic  
clean up of the city all they would  
have to do would be to pinch about 20  
members of the Well Known Fair-  
monter family and make a fine to 'em.

That'd turn the trick so neatly that  
every one would wonder that it was  
not done sooner.

## MONONGAH

The small crowd which attended  
the meeting in the opera house here  
last night which was held for the pur-  
pose of formulating plans by which  
to reduce the high cost of living would  
cause one to doubt the sincerity of  
those who are howling about the  
high cost of living. However a very  
enthusiastic meeting was held, a  
committee of 32 men and women was  
appointed to look after local conditions  
which will be active as soon as orders  
are received from the attorney Gen-  
eral.

**Mission Circle Election.**  
The Baptist Mission Circle which  
met at the home of Mrs. Frances  
Baskett Friday afternoon appointed the  
following officers for the coming  
year: President, Mrs. E. E. Salder;  
vice president, Mrs. H. M. Meredith;  
secretary, Mrs. John Gregory; treas-  
urer, Mrs. A. A. Dye; committee on  
program, Mrs. Sarah Holbert, Mrs.  
Frances Baskett; articles for bazaar,  
Mrs. J. W. Pryor; press correspondent,  
Virginia Cochran; sick committee,

will be no books closed; no useful knowledge denied to  
the youth of America.

In order to carry out such an order the educators prob-  
ably will find it necessary to destroy utterly most of the  
local control of the public schools, but they ought to be  
willing to do that without hesitation. Public school in-  
struction has been lagging behind the progress of the  
country because it is carrying the handicap of thousands of  
small minded school "directors" who know no more about  
education than they do about this new theory of relativity  
which right now is diverting the minds of the super sci-  
entists. Many of these men in addition to their educational  
deficiencies are not believers in popular education in the  
same way that the pioneers who created our school system  
were. It is a crime against the future generations to per-  
mit these incumbents to continue. It would be a good  
stroke of practical Americanization to clear them out as  
quickly as possible.

## LOW NECKS.

If we survey the pictures of our great-  
grandmothers, we see them clothed down to  
the very wrists and up to the very chins. The  
hands and faces were the only samples they  
gave of their beautiful persons.

The following age of females made larger  
discoveries of their complexion. They first  
of all tucked up their garments to the elbow,  
and notwithstanding the tenderness of the sex,  
were content for the information of mankind,  
to expose their arms to the coldness of the  
air and injuries of the weather.

About the same time, the ladies consider-  
ing that the neck was a very modest part in  
the human body, they freed it from those  
yokes in which the simplicity of their grand-  
mothers had enclosed it. In proportion as the  
age refined, the dress still sunk lower; so that  
when we now say a woman has a handsome  
neck, we reckon into it many of the adjacent  
parts.

THE above lines might have been written by us this  
morning after seeing a girl on the street with neck  
exposed to the winter winds. But, to tell the truth, they  
were written in or about the year 1711 by Joseph Addi-  
son, an Englishman, in an essay entitled "The Extension  
of the Female Neck."

He had no use for low necks, and thus was 208 years  
ahead of our modern Up-With-the-Neck Crusaders.

What is there new under the sun? asks Ecclesiastes.  
And yet the other day we met a nice old lady who said  
that in the good old days girls never dreamed of dressing  
as they do now. No, siree!

Twenty-seven deaths and a great deal of serious ill-  
ness resulted in one New England town from drinking  
wood alcohol on Christmas and the Health department  
of New York city reports that an equal amount of wood  
alcohol fatalities have occurred in that town since No-  
vember. Truly a man runs a terrible risk when he  
takes a drink in these days of prohibition.

The only place in the country where the steel strike  
continues in evidence is Cleveland, and yesterday the  
men there voted to continue to remain away from work  
until the strike is called off by the national officers.  
They took this action because Foster, the national sec-  
retary, who from the first was the real head of this  
strike, told them that they were waging a winning  
struggle. Foster's attitude is easy to understand; he  
loses nothing while men remain out of work, but why  
workmen should thus blindly follow such a leader can  
not be so easily fathomed. A good place to begin  
democratizing industry would be to put a little individ-  
ual initiative and a sense of their individual responsi-  
bility into the members of the labor unions.

Yesterday's announcement that the Standard Oil  
company had made contracts in Rumania for a large  
amount of refined oil indicates that in spite of the tales  
of utter destruction by the invading German armies  
Rumania got off much easier than Belgium and north-  
ern France. It is now reported that it will be five years  
before the French coal mines can be restored and ten  
years before the steel industry of that country is again  
on its feet, but prosperity will soon return to a country  
which has plenty of petroleum and is in a position to  
utilize it.

Efforts intended to bring about a compromise on the  
peace treaty continue at Washington and it is evident  
that more progress would be made if it were not for  
the fact that a lot of statesmen during periods of ex-  
citement and anger said things which they now feel  
they ought to stand by. It is a pity the treaty could  
not have come before the senate and the country just  
after instead of just before a national election.

Herr Huzzar, who is the premier of Hungary, has  
estimated that the war cost that country about \$4,000,-  
000,000. As that is only about one-fifth of what it cost  
the people of this country, although we were in it but  
one year as compared with Hungary's five, counting in  
the Rumanian invasion, it must be said that the Hun-  
garians got off rather cheaply in the matter of money  
cost.

Sallie Lelving, Alta Burton, Laura  
Holbert and Cristie Martin.

**Dinner Guests.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey Thomas and  
young daughter, Lelah Doris, were  
guests at dinner at the country home  
of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Groves yester-  
day.

**Notes and Personals.**  
Miss Shelia Baker and Miss Phyl-  
lis Brummage were visiting with  
friends in Fairmont yesterday.  
Mrs. Frances Gibbons was visiting  
in Fairmont yesterday with Mrs. C. N.  
Orr and Mrs. Julian Cantier.  
Paul Meredith, of Meadowbrook,  
was here to spend Christmas with his  
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C.  
Meredith.

L. M. Kuhn is ill at his home here.  
A young Italian boy living in Pike  
street while skating on the ice yester-  
day was rescued from drowning by  
Joe Keeper.

## Former Clarksburger Dies in Colorado

George W. Shuttleworth, ranchman,  
formerly of Clarksburg, and favorably  
known in this section, is dead at his  
ranch near Grand Junction, Colorado.  
He is a brother of Frank Shuttle-  
worth, special agent of the Consoli-  
dation Coal company, who is located  
at Clarksburg.

Some years ago Mr. Shuttleworth  
went west and became a ranchman.  
His death resulted from kidney trou-  
ble. He was born in Clarksburg about  
38 years ago and lived in that city  
until middle life.  
Burial will take place in Colorado.

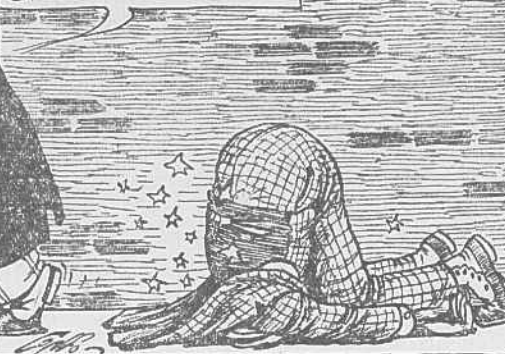
## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)

WHEN TWO PEOPLE AGREE TO MEET AT A  
CERTAIN TIME AND PLACE, THAT'S AN  
APPOINTMENT!!



BUT WHEN ONE OF THEM SHOWS UP THE  
SECOND TIME IN ONE WEEK ABOUT HALF AN  
HOUR LATE THAT'S A  
DISAPPOINTMENT!!!



## EAST SIDE -- NEWS --

### Funeral of Truman Davis.

The funeral of Truman Davis will  
be held Sunday at two o'clock from the  
Diamond Street M. E. church, the  
pastor, Rev. J. C. Buckley, officiating.  
Interment will be made in Maple  
Grove cemetery by Undertakers Car-  
penter and Ford. Relatives who have  
arrived here are: William Davis, of  
Clarksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson,  
of McClellandtown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs.  
William Morris, of Kingwood; and  
Mrs. Ida Smith, of Buckhannon.

### W. C. T. U.

The monthly Mothers' meeting of  
the W. C. T. U. will be held on next

Tuesday at two o'clock at the home  
of Mrs. J. G. Cunningham on Guffy  
street. The hostesses will be Mrs.  
Cunningham, Mrs. J. L. Carpenter  
and Mrs. Ed Wolf.

### New Son.

A nine and one-half pound son was  
born Wednesday, December 24th, to  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rich at their  
home at Pleasant Valley. He has been  
named Arthur Noel Rich.

### Special Notice.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the B. of  
R. T. will have a special meeting on  
Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The  
meeting is called for the purpose of  
installing the new officers and the  
members are urged to be present.

### Personals.

George H. Morgan, of Morgantown ave-  
nue, is expected to his home by ill-  
ness.  
Frank G. Smith has been a sur-  
gical patient at Johns Hopkins hos-

pital at Baltimore the past several  
weeks, has returned home and is very  
much improved in health.

Mrs. J. A. Long and son Harry  
went to Pullman Friday to visit rela-  
tives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Austin, of  
Little Falls, spent Christmas day  
with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steele in  
Haymond street.

Hugh Ball, of Guffy street, has  
been quite sick since Wednesday.  
Marshall Prouty is ill at his home  
at 111 1/2 Diamond street.

Mrs. J. D. Cox, of Morgantown ave-  
nue, is recovering from a several  
days' illness.

H. C. Fauley and son Dorsey, of  
Grafton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
Arthur Fauley Thursday.

Miss Cora Holden and Miss Ackem,  
of Pittsburgh, are visiting relatives  
in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, of  
Maryland avenue, spent Christmas  
with Mrs. Hall's parents at Hopewell.

Mrs. Arthur Fauley and little son  
Berkeley are visiting Mr. and Mrs.  
J. B. Cox at Shinnston.

Miss Alta Reeves, of the W. V. U.,  
is spending the holidays at her home  
in Morgantown avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, of  
Maryland avenue, are spending the  
holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Debolt at  
Hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gaskins are

spending the holidays with Mrs. Gas-  
kins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. West, at  
Hopewell.

Miss Leah Debolt spent Thursday  
with Mr. and Mrs. Haey at Logan-  
port.

Miss Stella Holt, of Guffy street, is  
recovering from an attack of tonsil-  
litis.

Robert Fitzhugh, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. P. T. Fitzhugh, of Market street,  
is quite ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lemley, of  
Morgantown avenue, have as their  
guest Roy Lemley, of Monaca, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter were  
guests of Mrs. Carpenter's parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Findley, at  
Burnsville Christmas.

### Thorough Preparation.

"If it is your ambition to go into  
the movies, why do you devote so  
much time to the study of elocution?"

"I wish to become a director and  
producer and I want to develop  
enough eloquence to hold my own in  
an argument with the actors."

Washington Star.

### "Strike Out" Almost

"Has your cook been with you  
long?"  
"With us? She's been against us  
almost from the start."—Boston  
Transcript.



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Monday

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The Three Remaining Days of This

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### Editorial:—

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sales—but when we do  
you may be sure they are  
Well Worth Hurrying To  
—that they are Honest,  
Above-board and founded  
upon a legitimate cause.

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Merchandise

is what is offered, thus  
protecting you from re-  
ceiving any inferior qual-  
ities.

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you can always rely upon  
for Honest Values—Re-  
liable Advertising and De-  
pendable Merchandise.

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